

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Community Center of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056, and was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.

I. Roll Call

Roll was called and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Russ Guiney, Vice Chair Robert L. Jones, and Lloyd Dixon. Member Bentley arrived after roll. Absent: Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Mary Ann Greene, Allan Kingston, Bobbie Parks, and Ron Schafer.

Non voting members present: Sara Amir, Bill La Pointe, and Patricia O'Toole. Absent: Joe Edmiston. Representing State Lands Commission: Greg Scott

Staff members present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General (Office of the State Attorney General) was absent.

II Presentation of Construction Documents for the Baldwin Hills Parklands Branding and Wayfinding Project – Bronwen Trice, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)

Bronwen Trice, Program Manager with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) gave the presentation to update the board on the progress on the perimeter wayfinding signage project. She announced that the construction documents are almost ready for submission to the various jurisdictions for final permitting and anticipate the permits will be secured by the end of January 2009 and installation will take place by the end of April.

III. Approval of Minutes (October)

The motion was made by Member Arbor to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and carries.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on the Baldwin Hills Oil Field Community Standards District and Final Environmental Impact Report – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat stated that the final EIR was approved for certification on October 21 and on October 28, the Baldwin Hills County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the CSD with the amendments made by Supervisor Burke. In addition, the Plains Exploration and Production Company was prohibited from filing for drilling permits from DOGGR until the all components of the CSD are in place.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Los Angeles County Public Works Proposed Environmental Protocol for the Eastern Ridge Project – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner stated that prior to executing a contract with the County CEO's office; County Public Works is conducting environmental research at the proposed Eastern Ridge. Public Works hired a contractor who has come up with a proposal that outlines four tasks to address environmental issues. The first task has been completed and the contractor has proposed conducting a geo-physical survey. Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff supports implementing this task and moving forward with the geo-physical survey.

VI. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following:

- Ballona Creek/Baldwin Hills Parklands
- On-going Restoration Projects
- L.A. Corps interpretation node project
- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook's installation of the interpretation facility features
- L.A. Audubon Society greenhouse
- Taste of Soul Event
- Meetings with Advocates USA
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He also reported on various other activities; 1) Otis College – staff attended their integrated studio called “reclaiming the oil fields;” 2) Natural History Museum – is working on an exhibit that deals with Los Angeles’ history and development.

VII. Attorney General Report – Rosanna Miramontes

None.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Land Acquisition- Member Dixon reported that their committee met to discuss/review past activities and top priority strategies.

IX. Officer Elections Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 - Robert Jones, Vice Chair

Chair Burke turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Jones for this portion of the meeting. Chair Jones reported that the Nominations Committee had met and nominated Member Russ Guiney to serve as Vice Chair for the upcoming term. The Chair called for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Hearing none, called for the motion to approve the Nominations Committee's selection. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve Member Guiney unanimously as Vice Chair. Motion seconded and carries.

X. Board Announcements

Chair Burke resumed as Chair for the remaining portion of the meeting.

Member Guiney announced County Parks would be very busy with several events; Image Enhancement Event in conjunction with DPSS, Chester Washington/Maggie Hathaway Golf Course driving range re-building, recognition of the junior golf champions throughout the county with Supervisor Burke, a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ingold Park, turkey giveaways in Lennox Park, and are working on a possible driving range event on Fairfax Ave.

Member Boodnick thanked Supervisor Burke, Mike Bohlke and Doris LaCour, for having the opportunity to work with them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next board meeting will be held Friday, December 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair